

Excerpts from..... STATUTES AND REGULATIONS
of the
ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Statute 1. Sovereign Head - Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, is and shall be the Sovereign Head of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which for brevity shall usually be styled and designated: "The Venerable Order of St. John". In these Statutes it is hereinafter called: "The Order".

Statute 2. Objects - The Objects and purposes of the Order are:

- (a) The encouragement and promotion of all works of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering and danger, without distinction of race, class or creed, and extension of the great principle of the Order, embodied in the motto, "Pro Utilitate Hominum".
- (b) The rendering of aid to the sick and wounded in war, and the promotion of such permanent organization during time of peace as may be at once available in time of emergency, including the provision of Technical Reserves for the Medical Services of the Forces of the Crown.
- (c) The award of medals, badges, or certificates of honour for special services in the cause of humanity, especially for saving life at imminent personal risk.
- (d) The maintenance of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem.
- (e) The maintenance of the St. John Ambulance Association the objects of which are:
 - 1. The instruction of persons in rendering first aid in case of accident or sudden illness, and in the transport of the sick and injured;
 - 2. The instruction of persons in the elementary principles and practice of nursing and hygiene, especially those of a sick room;
 - 3. The manufacture and distribution, by sale or presentation, of ambulance material;
 - 4. The formation of ambulance depots in or near mines, factories and other centres of industry;
 - 5. The organization and administration of the invalid Transport Corps;
 - 6. To assist, encourage and co-operate with its ancillary the St. John Ambulance Brigade (at Home and Overseas);
 - 7. And generally the promotion of instruction in, and the carrying out of, works for the relief of the suffering of the sick and injured in peace and war, irrespective of race, class or creed. (See (a) and (b)).
- (f) The formation of associations or organizations in furtherance of the general objects of the Order.
- (g) To receive and accept donations, endowments and gifts of money, lands, hereditaments, stocks, funds, shares, securities and any other assets whatsoever, and to borrow or raise money with or without security for any of the purposes of the Order and either subject or not subject to any special trusts or conditions.
- (h) The maintenance at St. John's Gate of the Library and of the

Museum, and the collection of works of art and objects of historical interest relating to the Order.

Statute 20. Qualification for Membership - All members of the Order must be British subjects, must profess the Christian Faith, must comply with the requirements of the Statutes, and must have performed, or be prepared to perform, good service for the Order and/or for its work "pro utilitate hominum".

Regulation 21A - Brothers and Sisters of the Order: Definition of - All members of the Order are either Brothers or Sisters of the Order.

Regulation 21B - First Admission - Admission shall usually be in the Grade of Serving Brother or Sister in the case of persons who have rendered or are capable of rendering, special service to the Order.

Statute 35 - Declaration of Allegiance, and Signature of Homage Roll - Every Member on admission, or as soon after as possible, shall sign the Homage Roll of his or her grade, and make the following Declaration of Allegiance:

"I solemnly declare: That I will ever be faithful and obedient to the Order as far as is consistent with my duty to my Sovereign and to my country; That I will do everything in my power to contribute to its glory, prosperity and utility; That I will combat everything prejudicial to its well-being; That I will never act contrary to its dignity; And that I will conduct myself always as a good Christian and as a man (woman) of honour."

Financial Obligations

(Note - Prices are based on present exchange at \$2.82 and are subject to exchange fluctuation)

Statute 34 - Foundation Dues and Annual Oblations

Foundation Dues and Annual Oblations as laid down in the Regulations, shall be paid by all members above the grade of Serving Brother or Serving Sister.

Regulation 34A - Foundation Dues; Amounts - The following statement gives the aggregate payment to be made as the Foundation Due for each grade. Any Foundation Due paid in a lower grade will be credited against the amount shown below and the balance only shall be the Foundation Due to be paid on promotion. Provided always that the wife or widow of a Member of equal or higher grade shall pay only one quarter of the Ordinary Foundation Due. This proviso, however, shall not be retrospective.

Serving Brother or Sister	Nil
Officer (Brother or Sister)	£2 (\$5.64)
Commander (Brother or Sister)	£15 (\$42.30)
Chaplain	£15 (\$42.30)
Knight or Dame (whether of Grace or of Justice)	£25 (\$70.50)

Regulation 34B - Annual Oblations: Amounts - The following statement gives the Annual Oblations to be paid by Members in each grade. Provided always that the wife or widow of a member of equal or higher grade shall pay only one-half of the ordinary Annual Oblation; provided also that Members belonging to the Order at the date of the issue of this Regulation shall continue to pay the same Annual Oblation as they were paying before the issue of this Regulation. If, however, they are promoted or transferred

to another grade they shall pay the Annual Oblation laid down for that grade in these Regulations.

Amount of Annual Oblations

Serving Brother or Sister	Nil	
Officer (Brother or Sister)	£1	(\$2.82)
Commander (Brother or Sister)	£2	(\$5.64)
Chaplain	£2	(\$5.64)
Knight or Dame (whether of Grace or of Justice)	£5	(\$14.10)

Information Regarding Insignia

Insignia is issued gratis to Serving Brother and Serving Sisters. All other grades must pay for their Insignia. Due to price changes and exchange, it is not possible to quote fixed current prices. To give some indication, we show below a maximum.

		<u>INSIGNIA</u> (Purchase compulsory)	<u>MINIATURE</u> (Purchase optional)	<u>ROSETTE</u> (Purchase optional)
Serving Brother		Gratis	(Maximum	-
Serving Sister		Gratis		-
Officer Brother	} (Maximum	- \$20.00)	All	-
Officer Sister				-
Commander Brother	} (Maximum	- \$25.00)	\$4.00)	-
Commander Sister				-
Knight of Grace	} (Maximum	- \$45.00)		(Maximum \$5.00)
Dame of Grace				-

Financial Obligation in the Grade for which you are being recommended - Serving Sister

On Approval of Recommendation -

Foundation Due -	-
Annual Oblation -	-
Insignia - (Maximum	Gratis

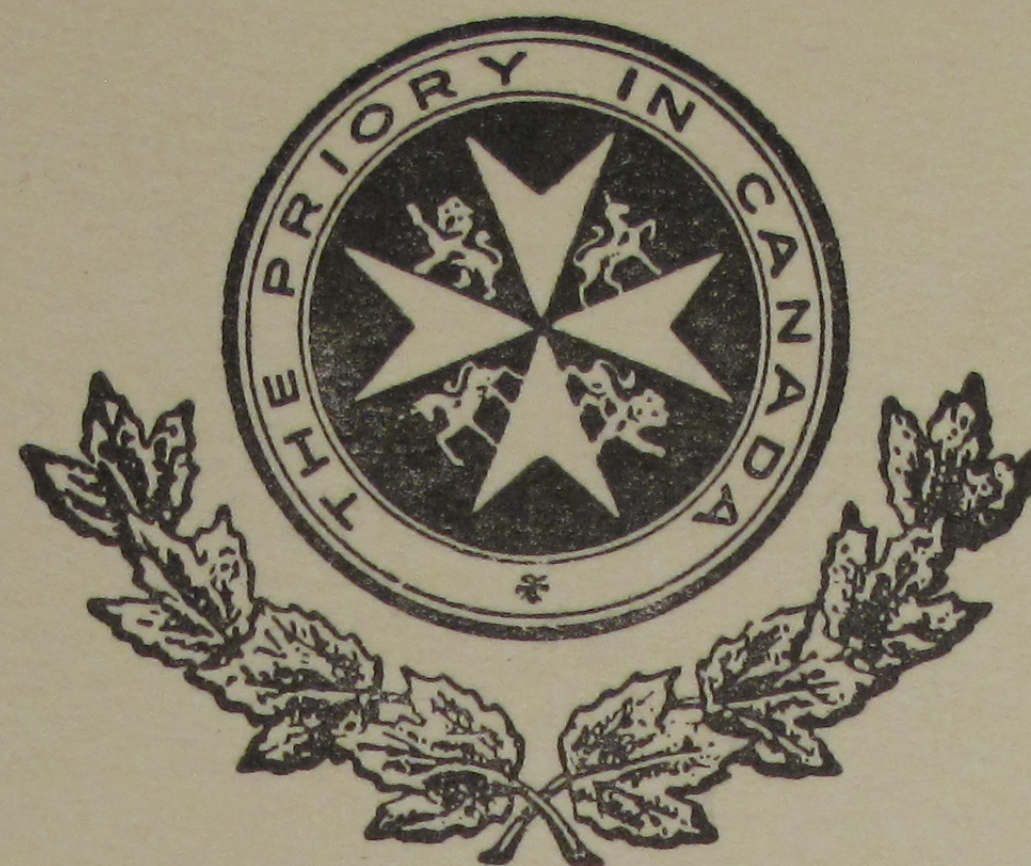
Miniature (optional) - (Maximum \$4.00)

	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$4.00</u>

Subsequent years -

Annual Oblation - Nil.

(Invoices will be sent following final approval)



By Gracious permission of His Honour,
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
The President of the Ontario Branch
St. John Ambulance

requests the honour of the company of

Miss Elizabeth Pitt,

at an Investiture and Reception to be held in the
Parliament Buildings, Queens Park, Toronto
at four o'clock on the afternoon of
Friday, May the Seventh, 1948

THIS INVITATION
WILL ADMIT BEARER



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